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## CA PROJECT ACTION RECORD

## I PROJECT CRYPTONYM OBTEST

	NEW PROJECT APPROVAL	DIVISION	EE
	AMENDMENT No.	BRANCH	Yugoslav/Albanian
	RENEWAL FY 19	DESK	EE/YA/CA
XXXX	TERMINATION	CASE OFFICER	Ext. 3114

## II DIVISION CONCURRENCES

ORGANIZATIONAL ELEMENT	SIGNATURE TYPED & SIGNED	COPY NO.	DATE	MEMORANDUM ATTACHED		
				YES	NO	DATE
C/EE/YA	[ ]					
EE/B&F	[ ]					
C/EE	[ ]			DECLASSIFIED AND RELEASED BY CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY SOURCES/METHODS EXEMPTION 3020 NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT DATE 2007		

## III CONCURRENCES - OTHER DIVISIONS AND OFFICES

CI/QA	[ ]					
DDP/PG/CA	[ ]			11 July 60		

## IV APPROVAL

SUBJECT PROJECT ACTION IS APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ FOR FY 19  
 FUNDS TO SUPPORT THIS ACTION ARE AVAILABLE FROM WITHIN THE CURRENT ALLOCATIONS TO  
 THE DIVISION.

Termination effective 30 June 1960.

Chief, DDP/PG	[ ]	[ ]	11 July 60
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MEMORANDUM FOR: DD/P

SUBJECT : Termination of Project OBTEST

1. Project OBTEST is due to expire on 30 June 1960. This Project is herewith submitted for termination, following the stipulations of CSHB 230-60-2, paragraph 9 as follows:

(1) Project OBTEST

(2) Original Project Objectives: Through the agency of a clandestine "national Socialist" radio program to (a) loosen the ties between Albania and the USSR; (b) to encourage the modification of the harsher and more unenlightened policies of the Albanian regime; (c) to foster disruptive tendencies with the hope of weakening the present Albanian Communist regime.

(3) Reasons for termination: The termination of Project OBTEST is the result of the reduction of broadcast facilities at Athens Station and the lowered priority of Albania as a target for Covert Action operations.

(4) Effectiveness of the Project: OBTEST/1 was specifically denounced in March 1959 by the Secretary of the Albanian Communist Party in a major speech before the Albanian parliament. We have furthermore two reports from Albanian-American legal travellers and one refugee interrogation report, all of which noted that a program bearing the same title as OBTEST/1 was causing consternation to the Albanian Communist regime.

(5) Proposed Date of Operational Termination: OBTEST/1 broadcasts were terminated on 20 November 1959. The Project is to be continued through 30 June 1960 to cover funding obligations incident to the termination and re-location of agents carried under Project OBTEST.

(6) Estimated Date of Final Liquidation of Commitments:  
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(7) Plans for Disposition of Funds, Material and Personnel:  
The writer-announcer, AIPLEBE [ ] was terminated effective 1 December 1959 and was paid a \$500 termination bonus. Career Agent [ ] will be transferred to Project DMNEON, a new project which is presently being prepared on the Field's recommendation. Properties and material used under the Project will be turned over to [ ] for disposal.

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(8) Status of Commitments to be Settled: The termination bonus to AIPLEBE has been paid. There are no other commitments to this agent. Commitments to   will be transferred from OBTEST to Project DMNEON.

(9) Risks: None

(10) Estimated Costs of Termination: Approximately \$800 including AIPLEBE's termination bonus, disposal of materials and costs of quitting rented safehouses before the expiration of their respective leases.

(11) Request for Extra Funds: No additional funds are needed. The Project OBTEST funds are considered sufficient to meet all foreseeable obligations.

(12) Statement that Central Cover Division has been Alerted:  
Not applicable.

2. OBTEST Project actions for Fiscal Year 1959 and Fiscal Year 1960, plus   201 file are attached for your information.

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Chief, BE Division

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Chief, EE Division

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## EE DIVISION PROJECT ROUTING SHEET

PT	OBTEST	TYPE	CA	AMOUNT	\$15,841 - FY 60 Ops
ACTION	Termination	EXP. DATE		RECEIVED	Program 22 Jun 60
FINANCE	N.A.	CLEARANCES		SENT STAFF	

DATE	RECOMMENDATIONS/ACTION
2. G.W.	PROJECTS OFFICER  Terminate. [ ] [ ] 25/6/60
	CHIEF OF OPERATIONS
	CHIEF, EE/PLANS  Recommend approval of the termination. [ ] [ ] EE/EVAL
	23 June 1960
3. AC	CHIEF OF OPERATIONS
	CHIEF, EE DIVISION  A